

Amendments to the Specification

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Please replace paragraph 31 on page 5 with the following:

The duct wall **108** is initially bent inwards, that is, towards what will eventually become the interior **109** (as shown in Figure 4) of the finished duct, to form the first fold **110** of the hemmed ridge **104**. The first fold **110** is then bent back upon itself in a non-parallel manner to form a second fold **112** of the hemmed ridge **104**. The plane of the second fold **112** is then broken in the area adjacent the break point **114** of the first fold **110**, to form a third fold **116** which extends a predetermined distance substantially parallel to, and in close association with, the plane of the duct wall **108**.

Pages 7 & 8

Please replace paragraph 40 on pages 7 and 8 with the following:

Figure 4 illustrates the condition of the fastseam **100** after the male portion **124** has been hand-inserted into the female groove **106**. As shown in Figure 4, it is another important aspect of the present invention that once the male portion **124** is located in the female groove **106** and the walls of the rectangular duct **111** are relaxed with respect to one another, back to their original square condition, that the configuration of the fastseam **100** prevents the disengagement of the male portion **124**, even when the sealing portion **120** has not yet been completely bent over to complete the sealing process.